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Stansfield Turner, Director
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Dear Admiral Turner:

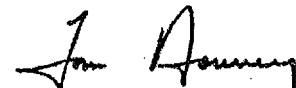
I am most interested in obtaining information about the Institute of Cultural Affairs, "an intra-global research, training, and demonstration group concerned with the human factor in world development".¹ Specifically, I would like to know if this organization has any direct or indirect ties with the Central Intelligence Agency.

The Institute of Cultural Affairs operates in Venezuela as a "program branch of the Ecumenical Institute which is registered in the State of Miranda as a not-for-profit corporation".² I am particularly interested in the Institute of Cultural Affairs's involvement in the Caño Negro Human Development Project in rural Venezuela. I am aware that the Institute conducted a Consultation in Caño Negro on January 9-15, 1977 as an "initial step in a comprehensive development demonstration project".³

I would like to receive this information as soon as possible. Please have your staff direct initial communications in this matter to the attention of Mr. Richard Di Salvo of my Washington office.

Thank you for your kind consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Downey
Member of Congress

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1. Consultation Summary Statement: Caño Negro Human Development Project, January, 1977, The Institute of Cultural Affairs, p. 3.

2. Ibid., p. 3.

3. Ibid., p. 1.